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Canadian Council For Refugees, Lobbying To Open Our Borders

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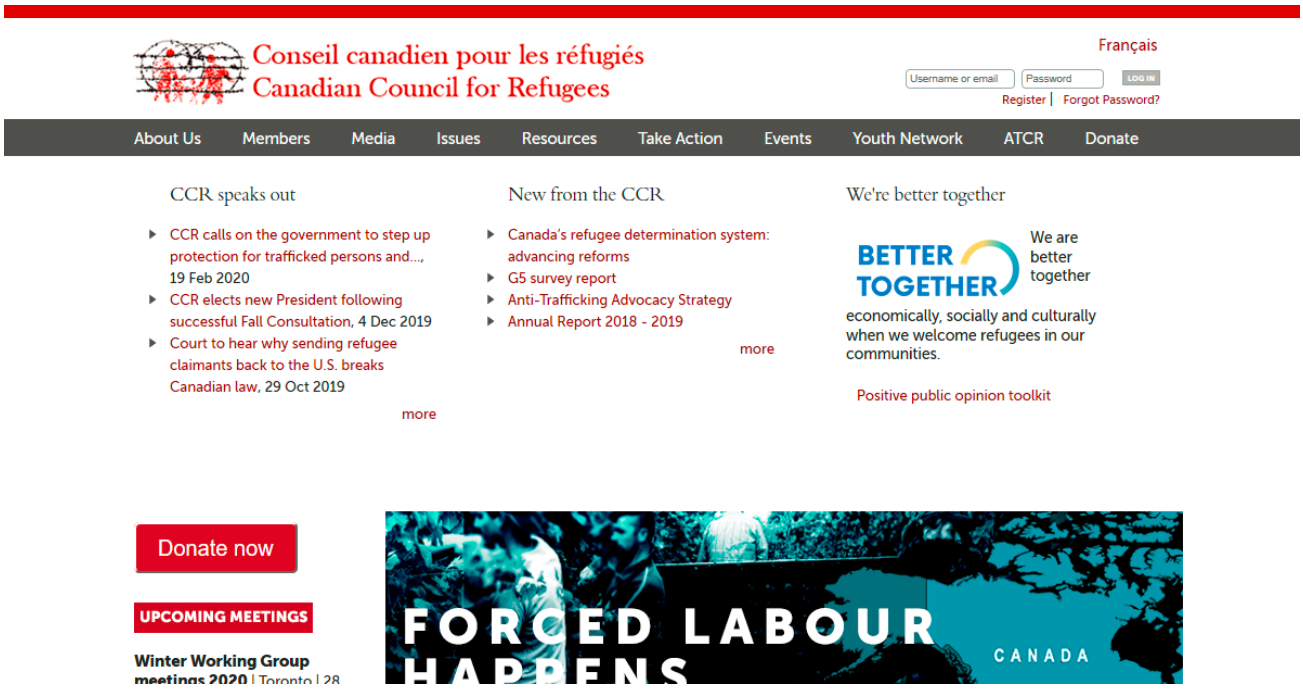

Canadians should have control over their own laws. They should be drafted by and for Canadians. This should not be a difficult or controversial topic.

However, one organization, the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR), is attempting to lobby Canada's politicians to create more "refugee" friendly laws. This has been going on for over a decade, and seems to have been a long term effort.

Yes, the CCR is one of the groups trying to strike down the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement in the Toronto Federal Court. However, this article will focus more on the political efforts that CCR has undertaken. Indeed, CCR has been busy trying change our laws.

1. CCR Lobbying The Federal Government

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Here is an alphabetical list of those who have been lobbied by the Canadian Council for Refugees since 2008.

Gary Anandasangaree, Member of Parliament | House of Commons
Sacha Atherly, Policy Advisor | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Matthieu Bélanger, Chief of Staff | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction | Public Safety Canada (PS)
Jacques Cloutier, Vice-President | Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
Claudette Deschênes, Assistant Deputy Minister | Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Dawn Edlund, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister | Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Steve Foster, Senior Policy Advisor (specializing in social justice issues) | House of Commons
Ralph Goodale, Minister | Public Safety Canada (PS)
Sadia Groguhé, MP, Deputy Critic Immigration, Citizenship, and Multiculturalism | House of Commons
Alyx Holland, Office of the Minister of Public Safety Canada | Public Safety Canada (PS)
David Hurl, Director of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs | Public Safety Canada (PS)
Ahmed Hussen, Minister | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism | Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Jenny Kwan, Member of Parliament | House of Commons
Les Linklater, Assistant Deputy Minister | Citizenship and Immigration Canada
David Manicom, Assistant Deputy Minister | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament | House of Commons
John McCallum, Minister | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Marta Morgan, Deputy Minister | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Kyle Nicholson, Director of Policy | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Kim Pate, Senator | Senate of Canada
Olga Radchenko, Director of Parliamentary Affairs | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Murray Rankin, Member of Parliament | House of Commons
Ali Salam, Chief of Staff | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
Oline Twiss, Policy and Stakeholders Relations Officer | House of Commons
Richard Wex, Associate Deputy Minister | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Now, let's take a look at some specific proposals that CCR is advocating for. Sections 4-10 cover the most important ones. But those are by no means all of them.

2. CCR Challenges Canada/US S3CA

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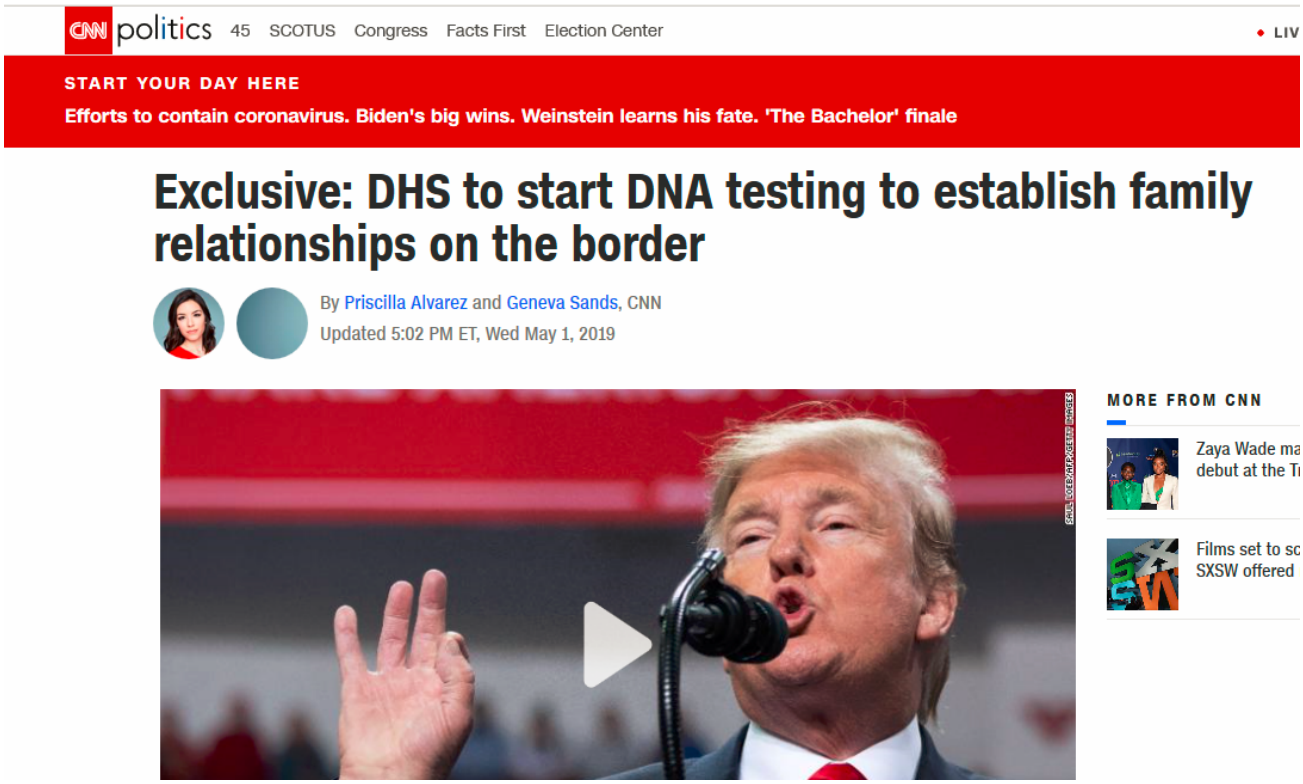
US-Canada safe third country agreement – oppose denial of access to refugee determination in Canada on the basis of the Safe Third Country Agreement

The Canadian Council for Refugees is one of the groups aiding a challenge in Toronto to strike down the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement. If this were to be successful, it would mean that (even at official border ports), so called “refugees” from the US could simply stroll in and be legally entitled to a hearing.

3. CCR Opposes DNA Testing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Exclusive: DHS to start DNA testing to establish family relationships on the border
By Priscilla Alvarez and Geneva Sands, CNN
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Interestingly, they also oppose DNA testing. (see the last section for the screenshot). Now why would any responsible organization be doing this? Wouldn't they want to ensure that children are being reunited with their true, biological relatives?

> Washington (CNN)The Department of Homeland Security will start a DNA testing pilot program next week to help identify and prosecute individuals posing as families in an effort to target human smuggling, two department officials confirmed to CNN.
>
> The Rapid DNA testing, as it's known, involves a cheek swab and can, on average, provide results in about 90 minutes, a senior Immigration and Customs Enforcement official said.
>
> The pilot program will run for two to three days in two border locations.
>
> It's the latest move by the Trump administration to address the swell of migrants, predominantly families and children from Central American countries, at the border using a wide variety of technology and increased resources to fight illegal immigration.

That was an American article, but it also raises an interesting question here. If there is a risk of child smuggling or child trafficking, why ***WOULDN'T*** the Canadian Council for Refugees want to ensure that true families are being reunited? Do they want to aid and abet smuggling and trafficking?

4. CCR Against Custody Req't For Illegals

- Cessation - following changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in 2012 loss of refugee status through cessation results (in some cases) in loss of permanent residence. Raising concerns (with CBSA, CIC and IRB) about current practices regarding cessation applications and the impacts on long-term residents.
- Citizenship Act and Regulations: advocate for lessening of barriers to applications, particularly for unaccompanied minors, persons with disabilities, language and knowledge test and citizenship fees.
- Immigration detention policies - advocating for the end to the immigration detention of children and families and for reduction in immigration detention, including through the introduction of fair and effective alternatives to detention.
- Independence of refugee determination at the Immigration and Refugee Board - calling for the government to preserve refugee status determination at the IRB in any reforms concerned in the wake of the IRB Review (report expected to be published in June 2018).

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Why should people in the country illegally, or accused of other crimes while not a citizen be locked up for any reason? Perhaps self deportation would be in everyone's best interests….

.5 CCR Challenges Removing Criminally Inadmissible PR

- The Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, with respect to the 2015 amendment allowing provinces to impose minimum residency requirements on newly arrived refugee claimants.

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution, Policies or Program

- CBSA complaint mechanism - calling for an independent effective complaint and accountability mechanism for CBSA.
- Removals of permanent residents on the basis of criminal inadmissibility, particularly in the wake of amendments to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act made in 2013. CCR's concern relates to lack of due consideration of humanitarian and compassionate factors in making removals, particularly of long-term residents.

Policies or Program

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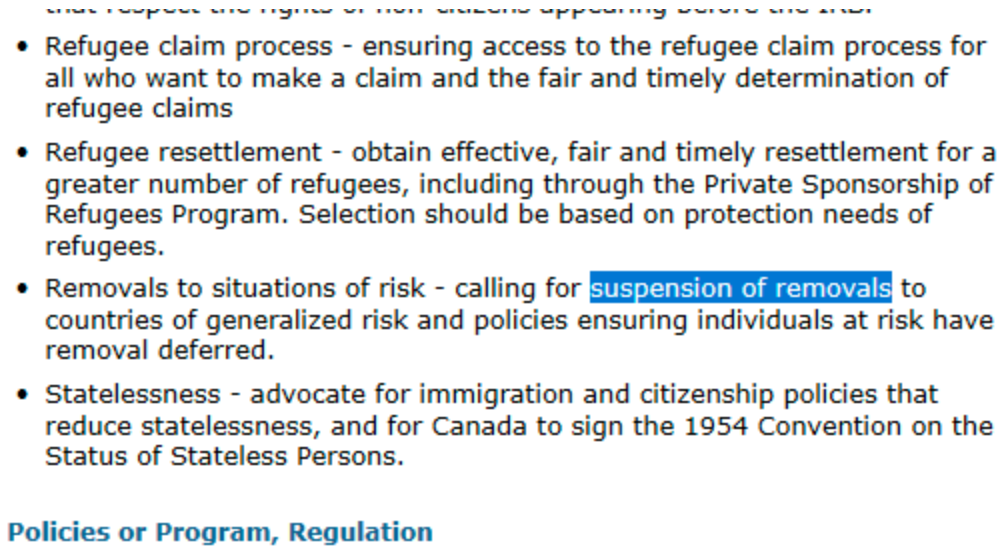
6. CCR Challenges Deportations To Certain Countries



- Refugee claim process - ensuring access to the refugee claim process for all who want to make a claim and the fair and timely determination of refugee claims
- Refugee resettlement - obtain effective, fair and timely resettlement for a greater number of refugees, including through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. Selection should be based on protection needs of refugees.
- Removals to situations of risk - calling for suspension of removals to countries of generalized risk and policies ensuring individuals at risk have removal deferred.
- Statelessness - advocate for immigration and citizenship policies that reduce statelessness, and for Canada to sign the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons.

Policies or Program, Regulation

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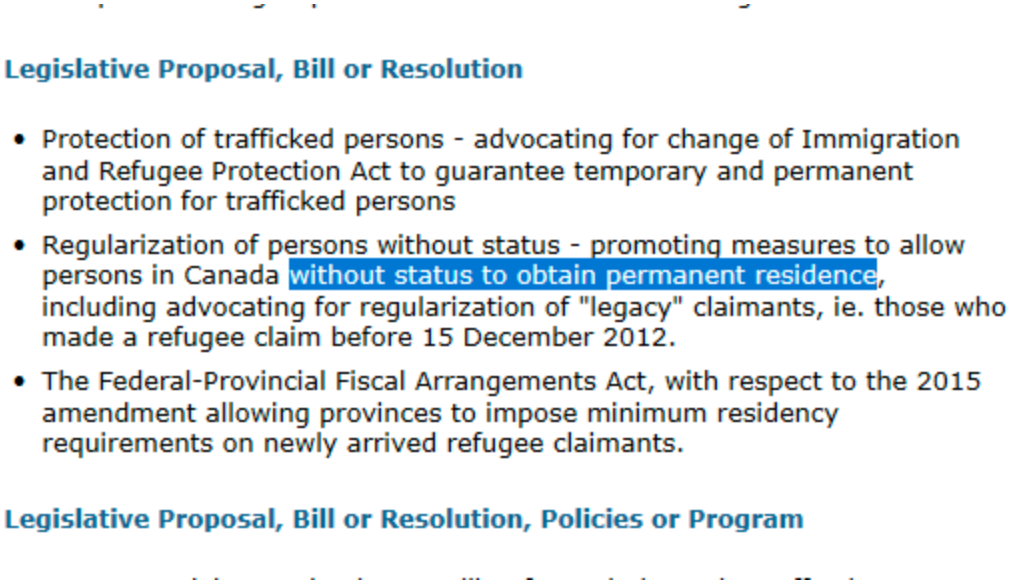
7. CCR Promotes Amnesty For Illegals



Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution

- Protection of trafficked persons - advocating for change of Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to guarantee temporary and permanent protection for trafficked persons
- Regularization of persons without status - promoting measures to allow persons in Canada without status to obtain permanent residence, including advocating for regularization of "legacy" claimants, ie. those who made a refugee claim before 15 December 2012.
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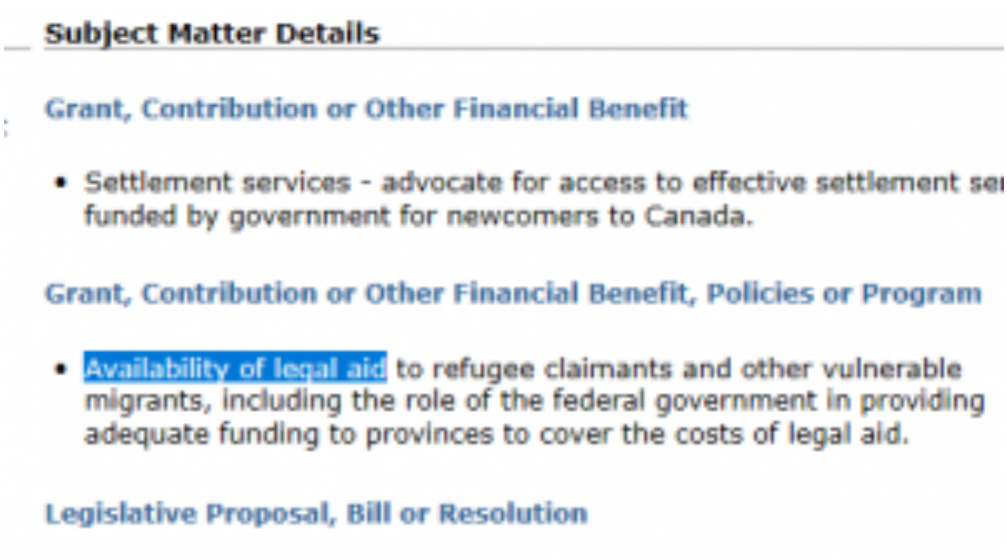
This is exactly what it sounds like. The Canadian Council for Refugees is lobbying for amnesty-for-illegals, which will create a path to permanent residence, and presumably citizenship at some point.

8. CCR Wants Canadians To Foot The Bill



Subject Matter Details

Grant, Contribution or Other Financial Benefit

- Settlement services - advocate for access to effective settlement ser funded by government for newcomers to Canada.

Grant, Contribution or Other Financial Benefit, Policies or Program

- Availability of legal aid to refugee claimants and other vulnerable migrants, including the role of the federal government in providing adequate funding to provinces to cover the costs of legal aid.

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution

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It wouldn't really be complete without ensuring that Canadians were on the hook paying for these people's legal costs, now would it?

9. Some Government Funding CCR Gets

End date of the last completed financial year: 2019-08-31

List of Government Funding

Government Institution	Funding Received in Last Financial Year	Funding Ex Financial Y
Canadian Heritage (PCH)	$3,500.00	Yes
City of Montreal	$5,000.00	No
City of Victoria	$2,000.00	No
Government of Quebec	$12,400.50	Yes
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)	$81,308.00	Yes

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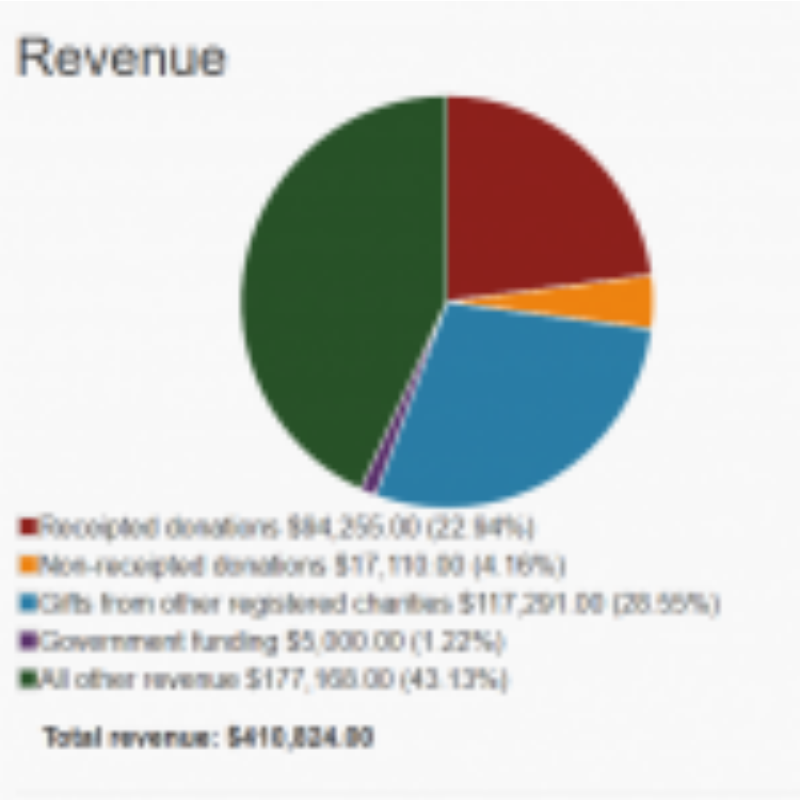
Canada

Telephone number: 514-277-7223 Ext.

- City of Montreal
- Canadian Heritage
- City of Victoria
- Government of Quebec
- Federal Government (IRCC)

While CCR undoubtedly has some private donors, it is a recipient of Government aid. Or to be more precise, it receives taxpayer aid.

10. Info From Canada Revenue Tax Filings


Revenue
Receipted donations $94,255.00 (22.94%)
Non-receipted donations $17,110.00 (4.16%)
Gifts from other registered charities $117,291.00 (28.55%)
Government funding $5,000.00 (1.22%)
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Gifts from other registered charities $208,696.00 (25.42%)
Government funding $38,086.00 (4.64%)
All other revenue $271,506.00 (33.08%)
Total revenue: $820,859.00

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Receipted donations $85,242.00 (12.44%)
Non-receipted donations $47,860.00 (6.99%)
Gifts from other registered charities $103,198.00 (15.06%)
Government funding $142,513.00 (20.80%)
All other revenue $306,250.00 (44.70%)
Total revenue: $685,063.00

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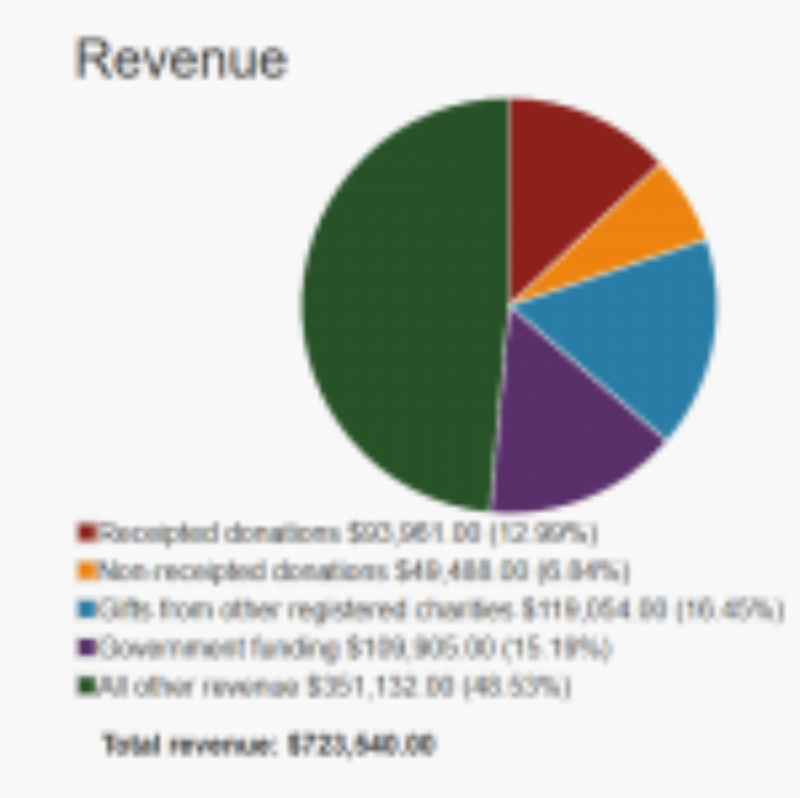
Revenue
Receipted donations $93,961.00 (12.99%)
Non-receipted donations $49,488.00 (6.84%)
Gifts from other registered charities $119,054.00 (16.45%)
Government funding $109,905.00 (15.19%)
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More detailed information

11. Corporate Documents

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
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Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada
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Form 4006
Changes Regarding Directors
Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act)

Formulaire 4006
Changements concernant les administrateurs
Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif (Loi BNL)

Received Date (YYYY-MM-DD):
Date de réception (AAAA-MM-JJ): 2019-12-19

1 Corporate name
Dénomination de l'organisation

Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

2 Corporation number
Numéro d'organisation

206225-9

3 Board of Directors **(new directors in bold)**
Conseil d'administration **(les nouveaux administrateurs sont indiqués en caractère gras)**

See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe

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Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

Bylaws of the Canadian Council for Refugees

1. Definitions

In this by-law and all other by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" means the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* S.C. 2009, c.23 including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;

"articles" means the original or restated articles of incorporation or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, reorganization, arrangement or revival of the Corporation;

"CCR" means the Canadian Council for Refugees (the Corporation);

"Executive committee" means the board of directors of the Corporation and "director" means a member of the board;

"by-law" means this by-law and any other by-law of the Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force and effect;

"meeting of members" includes an annual meeting of members or a special meeting of members; "special meeting of members" includes a meeting of any class or classes of members and a special meeting of all members entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members;

Certificate of Continuance

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

Certificat de prorogation

Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif

Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

Corporate name / Dénomination de l'organisation

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-named corporation, the articles of continuance of which are attached, is continued under section 211 of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.

JE CERTIFIE que l'organisation susmentionnée, dont les statuts de prorogation sont joints, a été prorogée en vertu de l'article 211 de la *Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif*.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
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Form 4022
Annual Return

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act)

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3 Year of filing
Année de dépôt
2019

4 Date of last annual meeting of members (YYYY-MM-DD)
Date de la dernière assemblée annuelle des membres (AAAA-MM-JJ)
2018-11-28

5 Is the corporation a soliciting corporation?
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12. CCR's Previous Attempt On S3CA

In 2007, the CCR (along with Amnesty International, and the Canadian Council of Churches) were successful in getting the Safe 3rd Country Agreement struck down. 2007.safe.3rd.country.struck.down

However, in 2009, the Federal Court of Appeal overturned that ruling, stating that these groups didn't have standing to bring it themselves.
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Now, the trio (Amnesty International, Canadian Council for Refugees, and Canadian Council of Churches) are at it again. They've taken up the cases of "refugees" from the US who want this law struck down.

13. CCR Supported Bill C-6 (Citizenship for Terrorists)

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Media
Issues
Resources
Take Action
Events
Youth Network
ATCR
Donate
Share this post
Twitter
Facebook
LinkedIn
CCR calls for further amendments to Citizenship Act
Media release
For immediate release
14 April 2016
CCR calls for further amendments to Citizenship Act to reduce barriers and make all citizens equal
The Canadian Council for Refugees published today its submission on Bill C-6, welcoming the introduction of amendments to the Citizenship Act and calling for further changes to provide equal access to citizenship and fair process.
"We need to bring down barriers to citizenship, especially for already disadvantaged groups such as refugees, the elderly, and women," said Loly Rico, CCR President. "In line with Canada's international obligations, we encourage the government to craft a new citizenship regime to which all applicants will have equal access without discrimination."
Bill C-6 mostly reverses changes made under the previous Bill C-24, which took effect in 2015. The CCR welcomes the changes that will give refugees and other newcomers earlier access to citizenship, which will lead to better integration.
Bill C-6 also rightly re-affirms the equality of all citizens by eliminating provisions allowing for dual citizens to lose their citizenship in cases of "treason" or "terrorism" and requiring applicants for citizen to have an "intent to reside in Canada".

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While Bill C-6 contains many good measures to strengthen citizenship, other changes are also needed to remove barriers and end second class citizenship. The CCR is calling on Parliament to amend the bill to:

Create a right to apply for citizenship for youth under 18 who do not have a parent or legal guardian in Canada.

Create a system to exempt people from citizenship fees if they can’t afford them.

Provide better accommodation for applicants with disabilities.

Prevent long wait times by requiring the government to process applications within a reasonable time.

Stop the use of citizenship applications to launch a process to strip status from former refugees (through cessation).

Provide better procedural rights for loss of citizenship based on fraud or misrepresentation.

Restore Canadian citizenship to second generation born abroad to Canadian citizens. In the alternative, at least give citizenship for those who would be otherwise be stateless.

Yes, the CCR supported Trudeau's Bill C-6, which would have stripped Canadian citizenship away from dual citizens convicted of terrorism or treason. Way tp pick a winning issue.

14. CCR Is A Political Organization

Despite the presumption that charities or NGOs simply act for a god cause that they represent, this is not really the case here. The Canadian Council for Refugees has a political branch to it, which is trying to change Canadian laws. Let's summarize a few:

- Trying to strike down Canada/US Safe 3rd Country Agreement
- Opposing DNA testing for refugees
- Removing immigration detention
- Permanent residence for criminal inadmissibles
- No deportation to various countries
- Amnesty/PR for illegals
- Taxpayer funded court services
- Citizenship for terrorists

Those are just a few of the things that CCR lobbies for. It is a political organization deliberately lobbying to weaken our borders even more. It's time to call a spade a spade.

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